

## Soprano opens Solo & Chamber series

The Pittsburg State University Solo & Chamber Music Series will open its 2005-2006 season with soprano Sari Gruber, the winner of the 2005 Naumburg competition in vocal music repertoire. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, in the McCray Recital Hall on the PSU campus.

Gruber holds a bachelor's degree from Yale and master's degree from Julliard. She is a seasoned recitalist, whose song repertoire spans nine languages. She has performed nationally and at New York's Alice Tully Hall and Weill Recital Hall, as well as at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Theatre and with the New York Festival of Song.

Gruber was a semi-finalist in the 1996 Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions. A recitalist whose song repertoire spans nine languages, Gruber has performed with numerous companies across the country, including the New York City Opera, the Los Angeles Opera, the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, the San Francisco Opera, the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

Gruber's 2005-06 season includes her debut with Pittsburgh Opera as Despina in "Cosi fan tutte" and

Poppea in "Agrippina" with Boston Baroque. She returns to Opera Columbus as Gretel in "Hänsel und Gretel" and the Kentucky Opera for her first performances of Beth in "Little Women."



*SARI GRUBER - Digital black and white photo available upon request.*

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The six concerts in the 2005-2006 Solo & Chamber Music Series represent a wide range of instruments and styles. The fall season continues on October 18 with Mark O'Connor's Hot Swing Trio, an ensemble that calls to mind the tradition of jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli and other giants of the genre. On November 1, pianist Sara Davis Buechner will bring years of international performance experience to her concert. The spring portion of the series begins on February 17. The PSU Solo and Chamber Series will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the Fisk Opus 106 Organ with a program of music for percussion and organ, performed by Organized Rhythm. The Chamber Music Society of Kansas City will perform on March 10. The season finale will feature the piano trio, Amadeus Trio, on April 4.

Individual, package and seasonal tickets are available at the PSU Ticket Office. Individual concert tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for persons over 65 or under 18. A full-season pass is \$46 for general admission and \$32 for persons over 65 or under 18. The any-four package is \$34 for general admission of \$23 for persons over 65 or under 18. Tickets are available to full-time PSU students at no charge.

For ticket information, call the PSU Ticket Office at 620-235-4796, visit them online at <[www.pittstate.edu/union/tickets](http://www.pittstate.edu/union/tickets)> or at the Overman Student Center on the PSU campus. For other information, contact the PSU Department of Music at 620-235-4466 or visit <[www.pittstate.edu/music](http://www.pittstate.edu/music)>. The Solo and Chamber Music Series is supported by major funding from the PSU Student Government Association.

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